

Remarks

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicant has elected the claims of Group II (claims 11-13). Applicant respectfully requests that claims 16-17, about which the restriction requirement is silent, be considered together with the claims of Group II as they are dependent directly and ultimately, upon claim 11, are linked by a single inventive feature, namely a RAFTIN hairpin construct and recite preferred embodiments of the invention as claimed in claim 11 and this would not impose an undue burden on the Patent Office.

Applicant also requests that the claims of Group III (claims 14-15), drawn to a method of using the construct of Group II, also be considered together with the claims of Group II as they are also linked by the same single inventive feature, namely a RAFTIN hairpin construct and this would not impose an undue burden on the Patent Office.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit \$120.00 from Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, representing the fees for a one month extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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